

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY OCTOBER 26, 2015 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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M I N U T E S

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Jay Johnson, Vice Chair, William Schuyler, James Lewis, Randy Cole, Elizabeth Jones, Melissa McMahon and Kevin Beekman.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Carrie Sanders, Acting Deputy Director, Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Traffic, Ravi Raut, Civil Engineer IV, Maha Gilini, Signal Engineer, Raymond Hayhurst, Complete Streets Coordinator and Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineer I.

9. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: There were no deferrals or withdrawals.

10. Approval of the July 27, 2015, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Beekman noted that on Item 8, “CarZip” should be “ZipCar” and made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2015 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mrs. Carolyn Griglione spoke to the Traffic and Parking about traffic safety on Seminary Road. She expressed a desire to lower speed limit from 35 miles-per-hour (mph) to 25 mph, adding a \$200 fine for speeding similar to Falls Church, and more enforcement on the street. The Board acknowledged her concerns and asked staff to follow up.

PUBLIC HEARING:

12. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to add three-hour, 8 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday, District 4 residential parking restrictions on the 700 block of South Payne Street.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Robert A Wright Sr. spoke in favor of the request.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler to approve staff’s recommendation to add three hour, 8AM to 5PM, Monday through Friday, District 4 residential parking restrictions on the 700 block of Payne Street. The motion carried unanimously.

- 13. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove one parking space on the North side of East Bellefonte Avenue at the Northwest corner of the intersection Mount Vernon Avenue and Bellefonte Avenue.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Kevin Gauthier, the applicant, spoke in favor of the request.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mrs. McMahon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve staff's recommendation to remove one parking space on the North side of East Bellefonte Avenue at the Northwest corner of the intersection Mount Vernon Avenue and Bellefonte Avenue. The motion carried unanimously.

- 14. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to signalize the service road at King Street and North Dearing Street.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mrs. Linda Shellhouse, Mr. Sean Wilson, Mr. Dan McGolduch spoke in favor of the request.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Maha Gilini presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve staff's recommendation to signalize the service road at King Street and North Dearing Street and asked staff to consider a leading pedestrian interval as well as ensure that pedestrians have adequate time to cross the street. The motion carried unanimously.

- 15. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove one parking space on the Northwest corner and one parking space on the Southeast corner of the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue and East Oak Street.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mrs. Karen Harris and Mrs. Carol Shaughnessy spoke in favor of the request.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Ravi Raut presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mrs. McMahon to approve staff's recommendation to remove one parking space on the Northwest corner and one parking space on the Southeast corner of the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue and East Oak Street. The motion carried unanimously.

- 16. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request for a "NO TURN ON RED" sign on the westbound of South Street at South Washington Street.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke about this item.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Ravi Raut presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mrs. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler to approve staff's recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

17. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request for closing the 200 block of E. Oxford Avenue from 7:30 AM to 12:30 Pm on Saturdays for the Del Ray Farmers Market.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mrs. Pat Miller spoke in favor of the request.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board. Mr. Schuyler had concerns that other farmers markets will ask for similar road closing around the city.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Beekman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve staff's recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

18. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to:
Amend Title 5, Chapter 8 of the Code of the City of Alexandria to:
- a. Establish Parking Meter Zone 4 and set multi-space meter locations.
 - b. Set the daily hours of operations and maximum time limit for parking in Parking Meter Zone 4.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke about this item.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Ray Hayhurst presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve staff's recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

19. **ISSUE:** An update on the recommendations of the Old Town Area Parking Study Work Group

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke about this item.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Ray Hayhurst presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: The Board acknowledged the study was taken.

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DOCKET ITEM: 4

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to extend the existing permit parking boundary of the 800 block of Green Street to include all of the 900 block of Green Street.

APPLICANT: Maureen Dugan, President of the Hunting Creek Neighborhood Association

LOCATION: 900 block of Green Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board recommend to the City Manager posting Two-Hour Residential Permit Parking restrictions on both sides of the 900 block of Green Street, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Dugan is requesting that Residential Permit Parking Restrictions (RPP) be posted on the 900 block of Green Street. This section of Green Street is in District 4. Commuter parking has not been as big as an issue in this area as it has been in areas located closer to Metro Stations and major employment centers. However, this section of Old Town is starting to become more popular with restaurants and other service oriented businesses.

Section 5-8-77 of the City Code requires the following in order to post residential permit parking:

1. A petition signed by at least 50 percent of the residents abutting the block face.
2. At least 75 percent of the parcels of real estate on the block face are used for residential purposes.
3. At least 75 percent of the parking spaces on the block face must be occupied by parked vehicles.
4. At least 25 percent of the parked vehicles be are owned by nonresidents of the district.

Included with this docket is a petition signed by over 50 percent of the residents abutting the subject block face. All of the parcels on this block face are residential and a survey was performed and found that over 75 percent of the parking spaces were occupied and that over 25 percent of the parked vehicles were not residents of the street.



July 6, 2015

Mr. Mark B. Jinks
City Manager
301 King Street, Room 3500
Alexandria, VA 22314

RE: Permit Parking Boundary Extension for 900 Block of Green Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

We are writing to request that the existing permit parking district boundary of 800 block of Green Street be extended to include all or a portion of the 900 block of Green Street.

Specifically, we, the property owners on the 900 block of Green Street, ask that permit parking be expanded to include *at least half* of the 900 block of Green Street. Ours is one of the few unrestricted parking areas in Old Town, which might explain why parking has become more and more limited for our residents, especially on weekends and in the evening hours.

We understand that extending the restricted parking will require residents, who wish to park here, to purchase an annual parking permit from the City. We understand the cost of these permits is \$30 for the first vehicle, \$40 for the second vehicle, and \$100 for each additional vehicle. We also understand that the City issues a "Visitor" permit for the vehicle of a person who stays at a residence within a permit parking district for more than 24 hours and that a "Guest" permit is issued for the vehicle of a person who visits for less than 24 hours. We understand there is no charge for a "Guest" permit, or for a "Visitor" permit for seven days or less and that permits may be obtained online.

It should be noted that there are several apartment buildings on the 900 block of Green Street. We have tried, to *no avail*, to learn how to contact the owner – or manager – of apartments at 911, 914, and 918 Green Street of our request. The owner of the other two apartment buildings on this block, Cliff Wilkening, – 915 and 919 – has been contacted.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have questions, please contact Susan LaBombard, 910 Green Street, at 703-739-2698, or Maureen Dugan, President of the Hunting Creek Neighborhood Association, 819 Green Street, 703-609-6830.

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DOCKET ITEM: **5**

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to post 2-hour parking 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.,
Monday through Friday on the eastern block-face of 1100 North Fairfax
Street.

APPLICANT: Linda Taggart

LOCATION: 1100 block of N. Fairfax Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board recommend to the Director of T&ES posting two-hour parking, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., Monday through Friday on the eastern block-face of 1100 North Fairfax Street.

DISCUSSION:

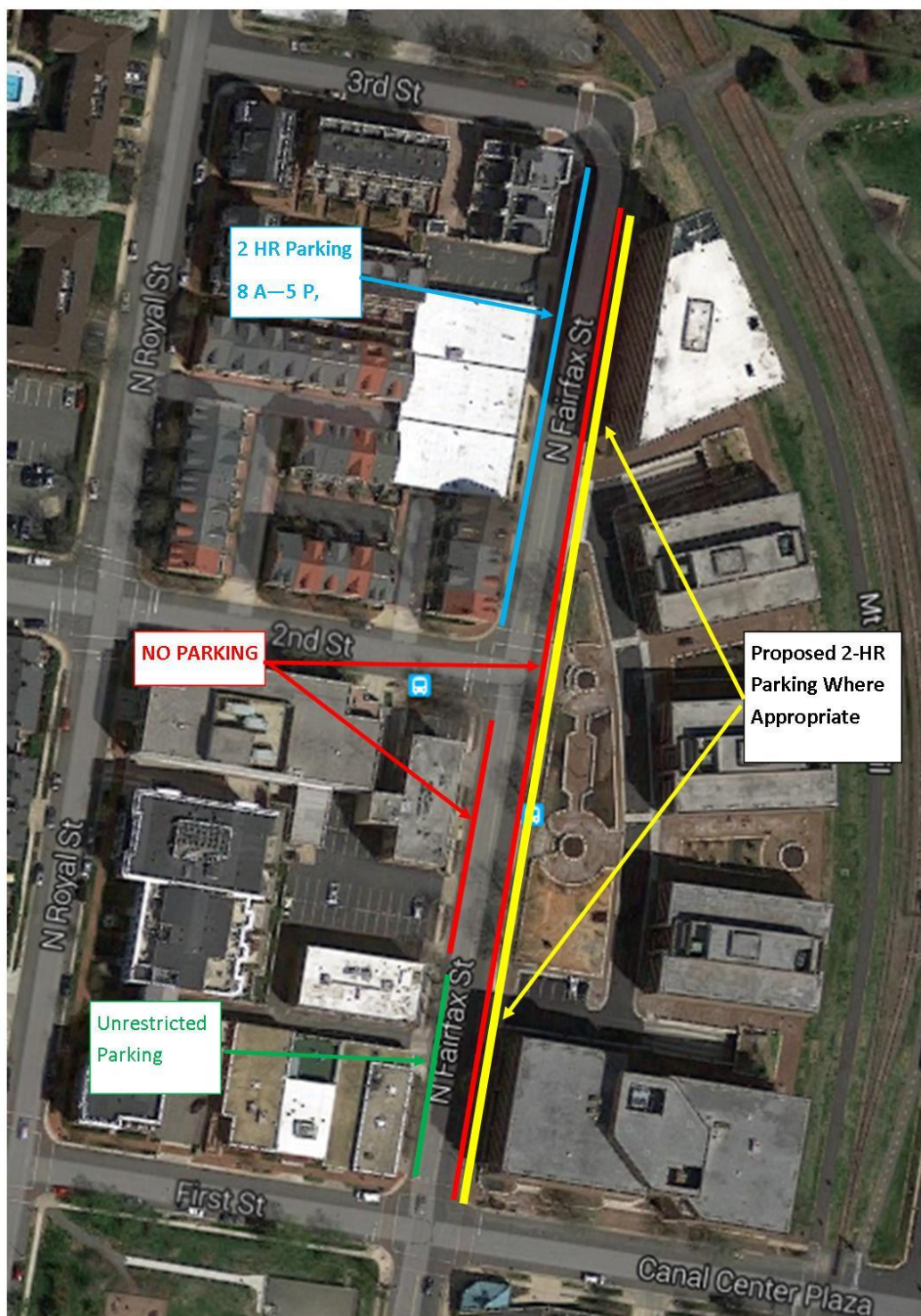
In March 2015, Ms. Taggart submitted this request to the Traffic and Parking Board. The Board deferred this request because the applicant did not provide enough information for the Board to accurately evaluate the issues surrounding this request. The Trans Potomac Plaza complex has off street garage parking and the Board did not understand the nexus for needing additional parking on the street. Also, a citizen spoke in opposition to the request indicating there were too many parking problems in the area. He indicated that commuters parked and blocked handicapped parking spaces, curb cuts and crosswalks. Since the applicant was not at the meeting, the Board deferred this request.

Ms. Taggart has since indicated that the reason for the request is because all of the parking spaces in the building garage are all assigned spaces. Visitors desiring to conduct business at Trans Potomac Plaza are unable to use the garage and have few parking options offsite. This section of North Fairfax Street is 40 feet wide which is wide enough to support parking lanes on both sides of the street (See figure 1).

The current parking restrictions are:

- 1100 - 1108 N Fairfax Street (Western Block-face) Monday-Friday, 8 AM-5PM, 2-hour District 9 Residential Permit Parking.
- 1112 - 1198 N Fairfax Street (Western Block-face) Monday-Saturday, 8AM-5PM, 2-hour.

Staff believes that with proper markings, the concerns expresses at the March Traffic and Parking Board meeting can be addressed.



From: Linda Taggart [mailto:linda@stoladi.com]

Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 10:43 AM

To: Bob Garbacz

Subject: RE: Request for Additional 2 hour Street Parking at TransPotomac Plaza 1001, 1033, 1055, 1111 and 1199 N. Fairfax Street

Bob:

Sorry for the delay in my response to your question. Thank you for bringing up a concern the Board had in the past. Please allow me to explain that although there is a parking facility under TransPotomac Plaza, it is full to capacity. Each building has only enough spaces to satisfy their building occupants (staff and Owners), leaving few options for building visitors and vendors. Each space in the garage is deeded to a particular owner, so in the event a space is not in use, it is privately owned and not for public use. The garage is self-operated and because there are no public parking spaces available, there is no garage attendant. The garage and the shuttle bus provided by TPPOA provides adequate parking for the buildings and staff, but leaves vendors and visitors driving in circles and filling up the residential streets looking for public parking spaces.

The street parking we are requesting would not have a negative effect on the neighborhood or traffic in the area as the location is so far north from the bustling old town where there are plenty of public parking options. It would keep the office park visitors and vendors closer to the office park instead of clogging up the residential neighborhood across the street. We are simply asking permission to allow parking along the curb directly in front of the office buildings.

Your input is appreciated and we hope the Board will reconsider our request.

Sincerely,

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DOCKET ITEM: **6**

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to post NO TURN ON RED restrictions on all approaches to the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue and Braddock Road. .

APPLICANT: Yon Lambert, Director of T&ES

LOCATION: Commonwealth Avenue and Braddock Road

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board recommend to the Director of the Transportation and Environmental Services Department posting NO TURN ON RED restrictions on all approaches to the Commonwealth Avenue and Braddock Road intersection.

DISCUSSION:

The intersection of Commonwealth Avenue and Braddock Road is located approximately one-half mile from the Braddock Road Metro Station and about one quarter mile from Maury Elementary School. This intersection serves as a pedestrian commuter route to the Braddock Road Metro Station. In addition Commonwealth Avenue serves as a bicycle route to the Four Mile Run Trail and carries considerable bicycle traffic. Braddock Road has an average daily traffic volume of 7,200 vehicles per day and Commonwealth Avenue has an average daily traffic volume of 7,621 vehicles per day.

Several weeks ago there was a crash involving a pedestrian fatality at this intersection. This crash involved a large dump truck turning right from eastbound Braddock Road onto southbound Commonwealth Avenue. The pedestrian started on the south-west corner of the intersection and attempted to cross the south leg of Commonwealth Avenue heading toward the Braddock Road Metro Station. The pedestrian, most likely, never saw the truck, as the truck was turning behind the pedestrian. It is not known if the truck driver saw the pedestrian.

In light of the recent pedestrian crash staff reviewed this intersection for opportunities for safety improvements. Staff has already implemented an advance pedestrian signal, also known as a Leading Pedestrian Interval (LDI), which gives pedestrians a several second head start on traffic. In addition, staff would like the Board to recommend approval of NO TURN ON RED restrictions for all approaches to this intersection. This is important because of the number of bicycles and joggers that traverse this intersection along with the large number of trucks and buses. The intersection of Mount Vernon Avenue and Braddock Road already has NO TURN ON RED restrictions posted for all four approaches to the intersection and provides a much higher level of safety for pedestrians.

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DOCKET ITEM: 7

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove parking on the south side of East Glebe Road between Clifford Avenue and the driveway at 411 East Glebe Road, Boyles Motors. .

APPLICANT: Yon Lambert, Director of T&ES

LOCATION: East Glebe Road and Clifford Avenue

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board recommend to the Director of the Transportation and Environmental Services Department removing parking on the south side of East Glebe Road between Clifford Avenue and the driveway at 411 East Glebe Road, Boyles Motors.

DISCUSSION:

Staff is working with the residents in the Lynn Haven community to address traffic issues in and around their community. One of the issues is the Traffic congestion at the intersection of Jefferson Davis Highway and East Glebe Road. On weekday mornings traffic on eastbound Glebe Road queues back as far as La Verne Avenue and sometimes beyond. One of the reasons for this long queue is because there is a single lane approaching this intersection until Clifford Avenue. Staff believes that removing approximately three parking spaces on East Glebe Road between Clifford Avenue and Boyles Motors will reduce this congestion by providing a second approach lane for a short distance. This will provide space for vehicles desiring to turn right on Jefferson Davis Highway to form a second lane and bypass the queue of waiting traffic. Staff considered removing more parking but doing so would remove much needed employee parking for R. Bratti Associates Inc, Granite and Marble. This business has no off street parking so employees must park on the street. If parking were removed from in front of the business, employees would be forced to park in the already over-parked residential areas. Staff believes that the current proposal should be adequate to address the problem at hand.

